

Establishing A Policy For The Naming Of County-Owned Assets

Referred to: The Public Works and Capital Projects Committee (Chairman Fabiano and Legislators Allen, Greene, Loughran, and Roberts), and The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Roberts, and Ronk)

Chairman of the Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee, Legislator Richard Parete, offers the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by Legislator Richard Parete on behalf of the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature believes that the designation of names for county-owned assets should be approached with deliberation and input from local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature believes that the setting forth policies and procedures relating to the naming of county-owned assets can prevent conflict, provide a historical context for future generations in Ulster County and is in the public interest; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature establishes the following policy for the naming of the assets owned by County of Ulster:

Section 1. It is the policy of the County of Ulster for the Ulster County Legislature to choose names for county-owned assets by a majority vote based upon the following criteria, in no particular propriety order:

1. Neighborhood or geographical identification;
2. A natural or geographical feature;
3. An outstanding feature of the asset;
4. An event of historical or cultural significance;
5. A historical figure or an individual (living or deceased) who has made a significant land, monetary or civic contribution to
 - a. the County of Ulster, or
 - b. the municipality in which the asset is situated, or
 - c. given their life while in service of the United States Of America;
6. As required by purchase or gifting agreement

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Section 2. The Ulster County Legislature shall designate the names of county-owned assets via resolution. Unless the asset name is designated in a purchase agreement or an accepted gift of property, the Ulster County Legislature shall make its selection after receiving a recommendation from the municipality or municipalities in which the county-owned asset occurs, which shall be based upon public input from individuals and organizations. Municipal recommendations shall state how the proposed name(s) meet(s) the criteria of Section 1.

Section 3. Whenever the Ulster County Legislature or local municipality wishes to consider naming a county-owned asset, the issue shall be referred to the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee of the Legislature before approval of that name by the full Legislature. If more than one name is proposed for a particular county-owned asset, the Chairman of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee may create a sub-committee to consider the proposals and make recommendations to the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee.

Section 4. A public hearing shall be scheduled prior a vote by the Ulster County Legislature on a resolution naming a County-owned asset to insure public input on any name(s) being considered.

Section 5. Following the selection of a name for a county asset by the Ulster County Legislature, the County shall identify the specific asset with appropriate signage specifying the name.

Section 6. The name shall remain for a minimum of 25 years except in an instance when a County-owned asset is named for an individual and the County Legislature finds that because of the individual's character the continued use of their name would not be in the best interest of the community.

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES:

Passed Committee: Public Works and Capital Projects on _____.

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE